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In re the Application of: **Ryoji KATO, et al.**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated **May 21, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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